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Weak Microwaves May Alter Cells

A scientist said yesterday he can tune in brain cells with weak microwaves, changing nerve chemistry and possibly altering behavior.

The results, the researcher said, may help lead to important new techniques for studying intimate details of body chemistry. They may also help show how much and what kinds of microwave radiation — a high-frequency form of radio waves — are safe.

In tests on both living cats and brain cells of chickens, using microwaves far below the intensity usually considered effective or potentially harmful to living organisms, the ability of vital calcium ions to bind to nerve cell membranes was dramatically altered, said Dr. W. Ross Adey.

He described his research at a session on microwaves during the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The phenomenon could lead to a way to delicately alter brain chemistry, without drugs or surgery, using a technique whose effects appear to disappear soon after the microwaves are turned off, he said.

Adey, chief of research at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Loma Linda, San Bernardino County, said the relatively faint microwaves also seemed to change the mental state of cats, leaving them more wakeful and alert.

Whether the new findings reveal a public health hazard at microwave levels below those now considered safe, he said, will require more research to discover.

He found the effects only at certain combinations, or "windows," of microwave characteristics. He said the impact on brain cells — and some other body tissues — occurs only when specific ranges of microwave frequencies are combined with certain rates of variation in intensity, a process called amplitude modulation.

However, he said, powerful new military radars designed to detect missiles and aircraft over the horizon sometimes produce, within one half mile of the radar, radiation of the sort he used in his laboratory. Such radars include two mammoth Air Force "Pave Paws" devices, one now nearing completion at Beale Air Force Base near Marysville and another constructed at Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

The giant radars, he said, are probably safe, "but we don't really know the effect of exposing nearby populations to very faint microwaves for extended periods, many years or more."

His research on chicken brain cells, he said, is well-known to the Air Force, which he said dismissed the results "in a very self-serving way," by arguing it doesn't apply to living mammals. Subsequent research on cats, he said, confirms the effect.

Adey's work seems to mean that profound biological effects may occur under some special circumstances, even when the electric fields created by microwaves are far smaller than natural electrical activity in the body.

Adey described the surfaces of nerve cells as covered with flexible, hair-like molecules, each carrying a negatively charged atom at its tip.

The effect, he said, is like a "field of corn, waving in an electric breeze."

"If we impose a field from the outside," he said, "we are really competing with the signals the brain makes in its own cells."

The organizer of the session, Dr. Don R. Justeson of the Kansas City Veterans Administration Medical Center, said Adey's work may mean "we are on the threshold of communicating directly with the cell."

By Charles Petit
Science Correspondent

NEW "MYSTERY" FEATURE !

RECORD OF ROCKS-1
Ancient UFO's
AN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPERT HAS THE THEORY THAT IN PRE-DELUGE TIMES, FROM 100,000 TO A MILLION YEARS AGO, STARMEN VISITED EARTH IN FLYING SAUCERS AND LEFT A RECORD IN TIME-LASTING ROCKS.
(FOR RESEARCH DATA, WRITE ...RICHARD S. SHAVER, SUMMIT, ARK. 72677)
TOMORROW-WATER PEOPLE
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Do you recognise this syndicated Shaver Feature?? If you do, why not drop us a line and let us all know about it? Right now, the thing is shrouded in a fog, for not all of the material we receive here at Shavertron comes with a handy instruction sheet. We have a total of six "Record of Rocks" features to run for you. Apparently, they were meant to rival the likes of Ripley's "Believe it or not"....a la Shaver. So---we will start with the first installment, "Ancient Ufos" and work our way up to number six: "Ufo Traffic", until someone recognises it and lets us in on the story.

editorial

by Rich Toronto

It appears that 1980 will be a prelude to a momentous decade, one that Richard Shaver would have watched with a knowing eye. RSS was an avid prophet, (some say of doom), and many of his predictions found fertile ground in fact. As the year rolls on into its first few months, we have seen great cataclysms week after week, in the way of earthquakes, floods, aircraft and political disasters. The poison Radiation spills out into our oceans and ground water, along with deadly chemicals that are causing birth defects and cancer, and our spectre of our old pal, WWIII once again looms up over us.

As I remember, RSS was one of the first anti-nuclear activists, (another good reason to blackball him from the literary arena). Ufos, after all these years, have been wrentched out of CIA files to show that these agencies are truly concerned about them, something that RSS would have enjoyed seeing after his years of harping on government cover-ups. ing on governmental cover-ups. Ufos still put on their shows of power and invulnerability, while earthly attempts to come closer to their meaning is still not coming...not one NEW development in this saga since their 1947 debut, except in their interpretation by researchers.

RSS had a very simple explanation for the ufos: "UFO really represent an intergalactic movie outfit that makes tri-dis like documentaries on various worlds. They like a captive people who can be used as FREE extras willy-nilly in wars and crucifixions and such like. So they swoop in on the planet from time to time and start a big, wholesale extravaganze called 'World War'. Then they film it for the space sale outlets all over the galaxy. They keep a few ships flitting about to keep us all nice and ignorant of the real use they have for us as willing extras in wholesale murder mysteries..."

We are happy to report, however, that "the only source of post-deluge Shaver Mystery info is doing well in these cataclysmic times, which only seems right for an SM zine to do.

Many Shaver fans, some who have followed the Mystery for 20-30 years, have discovered us and now read SHAVERTRON. Some helpful people have sent clippings and/or short pieces for publication. It cannot be overemphasized how much we appreciate this. S is meant to be an open forum for all fans. They are really the life blood of a zine like this. Our new letters page reflects this attitude. There were many many more notes in the SHAVERTRON box, but our size naturally cramps our style. But we appreciate every one of those letters!

One person we want to give special thanks to is the women who also helped publish the original Shaver Mystery Magazine: Dotty Shaver. From the beginning, Dot has been of immeasurable help to us here at SHAVERTRON, and has supported us through thick and thin. Dot is the one who supplied us with names and addresses of possible readers for S. Some of our readers were taken aback by their first, unsolicited issue in the mail...we might even go so far as to say they were suspicious of us at first, but everyone seems to know what we're doing now, and any feelings of apprehension have all but vanished. We feel that having Dot with us has given a measure of spunk and authenticity that without, we might have folded after the second issue. Many thanks to you Dotty! We love you!

Dot Shaver – 1975 –

Mr Jim Pobst has added a story by RSS to his long list of RSS's contributions to AMAZING STORIES which appeared in S no. 2... WHY THE MOON IS BLUE by 'Ruppert Carlin', July 1949. You'll find Jim's list for RSS tales that appeared in FANTASTIC ADVENTURES in this issue.

REMEMBER::: Send in your SASE's if you want to receive issue 4. We keep no file on subscribers to this zine, so a legal size envelope with your name and address is a must. We encourage unsolicited mss. from everyone...CONTRIBUTIONS, not necessarily $$, but if that's all you've got we won't argue if $ shows up. Some helpful readers have already coughed up a few frogskins here and there..it ALL helps. May EXD be with you.

San Francisco Chronicle 9
★ Sat., Jan. 19, 1980

3000 People See 8 UFOs

Lima

About 3000 residents of the southern Peru town of Palpa saw eight unidentified flying objects Thursday night, the Lima newspaper La Prensa reported yesterday.

It said the residents watched as the UFOs remained stationary in the cloudless night sky.

Reuters

Stranger than science fiction note: Mrs. Clara De Fevere of Palo Alto applied to the public library there for a copy of "Flying Saucers: A Special Look," and rec'd back a note reading, "Sorry, but this is missing from all Public Library systems in the State." Invasion of the Booksnatchers? 1-3-80

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Orphan Balloon 5/24/79

Rio de Janeiro

Police are searching for owners of a giant hot air balloon that landed unmanned in an oil refinery on the outskirts of Rio last weekend.

Reuters

Mysterious Blast

Caracas

The four million inhabitants of Caracas were left without water yesterday after a mysterious explosion at a purification plant to the south of the Venezuelan capital last night. 12/31/79 *Reuters*

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S.M. CLUB LETTERZINE REPRINTS »»

(From time to time, we will be reprinting excerpts from the old Shaver Mystery Club Letterzine, which appeared circa 1950-1954. Based in Chicago, this zine was meant to help RSS get out from under the load of mail from fans).

1. Where is an entrance?
"There are hundreds of entrances traceable by the names of places and towns in the far past-such as the town in Italy called 'Intremend', which meant in the elder tongue-'train going in the termina.' This town has been renamed several times in the past centuries, but the ancient name was Intremend. It was a railroad town, thousands of years ago, where people took a train into the depths from the surface. Today, the entrance would require a lot of money and excavation to uncover, but it could be done at less expense then to drill an oil well. ...If the mysterious o bstacles that rise before all such efforts did not defeat you. There is the well-known Mt. Shasta, the several quite well-known polished shafts going into the depths in South America (on government records, but now boarded up and forbidden)--there is the entrance described in the book 'Etidorpha' in Virginia. There are a great number of Indian place names which label spots where entrance to the lower world was once possible. All you need is to know the Elder Tongue Words such as IN, TRAM, and the fact that 'entrance' also means 'to go into a state of rapture', to 'carry away with ecstecy', is not an accident of coincidence but comes from the the fact that an entrance into the caverns was to be carried into the rapture of the use of the elder machines for producing pleasure. The Indian names can be decoded by a study of the elder phonetic meanings and will reveal a number of possible entrances to any sincere and intelligent person who really goes about the problem industriously and inductively. Yes, they are closed over with earth and rock, many of them impossible to all but titanic excavating efforts, or they have been walled up, by those who conceal the caverns from us, and would be uncovered by the judicious use of a few sticks of dynamite.

2. How can I get in?
"You can't without a lot of effort, and if you did the chances are a thousand to one you would not come out alive. This is understood by anyone who reads Shaver."
3. What equipment do I need for such an attempt?
"Foolhardy courage, suicidal tendencies, alot of money, several hard-headed frinds who have worked in mines and black damp, and no delusions about bringing back anything, even if you're lucky. L. Taylor Hansen found a polished shaft in Arizona but black damp kept him out. He got equipment, helmet and oxygen flasks, etc...and that was two years ago. If he came back he hasn't mentioned the fact yet. But this is the second time he has disappeared for lohg periods. It is two years now.

[ALL ANSWERS BY R SHAVER]

4. How do you hear voices?
"Subject yourself to variant high frequency currents- the magnetic fields surrounding high voltage-I think that what happens is the concentrated flows of electrons (or are they magnetrons in the fields around a wire) strips off the natural insulation around the nerves connecting the brains thought centers. The brain is able to receive from its parts the natural thought waves and actual electric flows which make up all thought. It is a natural receiver of all thought energies, able to read and interpret the most abstract thought...and it has been protected from outside disruptive energies by a natural sheathing of highly effective insulation. This is perforated by high velocity particles, so that the energies around, such as those that are borne upon the natural conducting medium like that surrounding all current-bearing electric wires brings you to recognisable thought messages from outside your mind. Normally these would be screened out, kept out by the normal insulative sheathing of the mind, but after subjection to certain kinds of powerful magnetic fields, such as those encountered in welding work, other electric work, one becomes sensitized by the destruction of this protection, and one hears voices. This first sensitivity is the greatest, the confused mind, receiving from everywhere all kinds of alien energies and unfamiliar thought, soon erects other greater barriers (just as scar tissue forms around a wound) and one becomes impervious to telepathic communication. But once having experienced the astounding phenomena of telepathy in all its complexity, one never again doubts the existence of powerful groups who have mastered the use of mechanical and/or electrical telepathy and use it for their own purposes. (Such devices do not operate with ordinary electricity but with a flow akin to the neural electric generated by the human body.)"
5. How do you know you're not crazy if you hear voices??
"The idea that 'hearing voices is an insane thing' entirely

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ask Doc Shaver

Rich Shaver was wise in the ways of the world, and through his vast amount of experience and research into various topics, had gathered a large body of information. He used this info to help out many of the people who came to him for advice. This column aims to pass on some of that info, in the hope that it will prove to be of use to others.

[GETTING RID OF BRAIN FEVER]

"Remember what I said about brain fever...the right remedy is a long, long cold shower ... I have seen this often.. and so have you in the bughouse they cold pack you for it..doused with ice water and wrapped in blankets to keep cold.

"When you get so wound up on something..take your temp. and a good cold shower and see if it seems so reasonable.

"Just soaking your head in a bowl of cold water helps. This is a common ailment in the Pentagon, u no.

"They should all go soak their heads before they get us into some more impossible wars.

"this sounds funny but it really aint... it is a common ailment like the common cold but people dont happen to know it.

"Hotheads... are just exactly that if you took their temp."

Very few rocks have large, plain pictures in or on them. Maybe they are just plain worn out from extreme old age. And yet, because of the sheer number of rocks all over the world, there are still thousands upon thousands of rockfogo images one can find. Most are weak or difficult to perceive.

One way to restore some contrast is to look at rocks reflected in a common magnifying glass-negative magnification. A fairly bright light is needed and a dim or dark background. If some rocks are held so that the surface has shadows cast across them, many images become plain.

EASY WAYS TO SEE ROCK IMAGES / *BY BILL BLISS*

Making rubbings with carbon paper and thin paper will coax images out of the most uncooperative rock. Remember, the majority of rock images are small, so a hand-held magnifier with a power of 10X to 40X (or a low power microscope) will make a large number of images visible.

If you have luck with prospecting, you might find some excellent examples--like the common fine grain conglomerates. The best of those have dark blue or black or dark brown inclusions and crystals in a light-colored matrix.

If you find small, colored dots, (usually blue, green or yellow) those are index marks for the picture frames. Since almost all (the exceptions are rare) rock book images are actually SYSTEMS of images, once you have zeroed in on one, give it 1/4 turns and more images will appear. Viewing the image at different angles from the line of sight often brings out an uncanny 3 dimensional effect. And sometimes the scene changes to an aerial view.

Rock images also have what is known as the "consolidating image effect". In other words, at different viewing distances, different images are seen. This usually works well with rocks over two inches wide. The distance where the images change is commonly based on a factor of 2.

Framing can be vital in perceiving an image, so try masking off various areas, as Shaver discovered early on. Also, slow vision is very useful in perceiving dim, obscure images. It works best when there are few or no distractions. Medium or dim light helps. Slow vision also requires long minutes of concentration, repeatedly looking back on your work.

Rock images also come in extra large sizes, so photos of various mountain terrains are a good place to look for them. There is an exceptionally good one of these on page 514 of the October, 1979 issue of the National Geographic Magazine. The images are small, so looking at them through a 1/16" hole in a piece of cardboard, scanning small areas, brings them out alot plainer.

Large rock images also turn up in photos of Mars or the moon. Shaver regarded the moon as the handiest large rock pic. Both Shaver and the author have taken many rock photos, but they are not generally available except through the book, The Secret World. In a future issue of SHAVERTRON there will be an article on taking rock pix yourself. It will include common close-up techniques used on a few dozen common rocks (conglomerates are preferable).

Ed. note--Although Bill didn't mention it, he was the one who helped Rich with some of the color plates in Secret World. Bill still has a supply of rock pix slides which he sells at a nominal fee to researchers. Con tact him at 422 Wilmot, Chillicothe, Ill.61523

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sourcing in self deception due to disordered mind arose when electricity itself was not discovered, and is today exploded except for those who still believe the modern age is the only time when people knew anything worth knowing. Such acts as Dunninger's are public demonstrations of the 'natural ability' to read others thought. Telepathy is another word for 'hearing voices'.

6. What connection do flying saucers have with the Caverns???

"Every connection. They transport earth goods, bring other goods from other planets, trade with the caverns, are the flying force of the cavern people, and also the ships from other planets. We will hear alot more of the flying saucers before we hear less. They are the conveyances of our actual rulers, who prefer to keep their existance a kind of open secret. Most of our reel big shots have some contact with the power behind the flying saucers."

7. How have the alleged machines of the Caverns work??

"Most of the cavern machines have been wrecked in the past by ignorant mishandling, which still occurs too widely today. They are used to manipulating earth surfacemen's affairs to the advantage of groups of people in whom we 'do not believe'."

Thanx, Jim Wentworth – for the loan

FANTASTIC ADVENT●

Ed. Note--As new stories are found, we will pub them in future issues so that our lists will come as close to complete as possible. One tale from Amazing we overlooked last issue is "The Insane Planet"--Feb. 49 by Alex Blade.

Following are the RSS stories that appeared in Fantastic Adventures:

An Adam from the Sixth--May 46
The Tale of the Last Man--July 46
The Princess and Her Pig--March 47
The Tale of the Red Dwarf--May 47
Witch of the Andes--Oct. 47
Slaves of the Worm--Feburary 48
The Thin Woman--March 48
Lair of the Grimalkin--April 48, (by G.H. Irwin)
Mirrors of the Queen--July 48
Fountain of Change--December 48, (with Chester Geier)
The Mermaid of Maracot Deep--Feb. 49
The Cyclopeans-- June 49
The World of the Lost-- March 50, (by Paul Lohrmen).

rsLettersLette

Dear Rich,
Personally, virtually any type of material you'd care to publish in future issues will be fine with me, whether it is information about the "Mystery", personal details about Shaver or whatever. I do like your idea of reproducing the Shaver sketches, so hope you go ahead with that.
Just happened to think of something Shaver said about Teros, which I've never seen mentioned in any of his writings. In one of our conversations, he said Teros were like "a mother-in-law who's always right!" I think that pretty well speaks for itself!

Yours truly,
Lou Farish,
ARK.

R--We've received a few positive replies on the RSS sketch repro's, but not enough yet to warrant a full Green Light on the project. We'd like to hear from more of you readers on this...do you want to see 12-15 of RSS's unusual sketches photographically reproduced for your collection? Then let's hear from you.

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Dear Mr Richard R. Toronto,
Glad and surprised to know Dot is helping alot. Knowing your newsletter is coming out gave me a glad feeling! Many things I could write about. The deros talk to me as much as others knowing about them. Is this safe to state in a newsletter or magazine? In one or two volumes, Richard wrote the leaders (and masses) are easily mentally/emotionally rayed as their minds are too dumb to take all his data; they can't comprehend the degree of ray control on themselves.
Do you recall Richard writing in some volume that Teros had a time-travelling device? And that it was one subject he couldn't get much specific data on due to real strong dero ray interference? Well, Mr. Dick Williams told me the gov't. is in some mech-caverns and can work some of the mech. Such caverns were ones just having the devices. One of the devices, said Williams (ex-CIA) said was a time travelling device! They are using it--have been for years.
He explained it was not at all like we think of H:G: Well's time machine...works different.
I can just hear Boris Karloff say in his serious way, "Its his knowledge that must not be believed." Shaver knew the deal with me. Two-three others I've told things to thru the years said I've investigated too far ....

Sincerely,
HMS, TX.

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To the Editor of LIFE MAGAZINE,
In your recent article on science fiction you described the "Shaver Hoax".
...Deros are a fact, and one does not have to be a cavern dweller to be one. Dero is an ancient word from Mantong, meaning detrimental robot, or, in English, "habitual thinker of evil thoughts" (which naturally result only in evil deeds) Hitler was a person whose thoughts and actions resulted only in harm... The hoax began as an attempt by me as an attempt to get Mantong (that language which is the mother tongue of most earth languages) into the hands of men able to force its recognition and study for the important key to the past which it is. Before Egypt the origin and the history of the human race is still pretty exclusively darkness. I give you the key to that darkness. I cannot help it if you will not make the effort to understand. It takes perhaps an hour's honest study and thought to begin to realize that Mantong is not a silly invention but something very, very big.

Richard S.Shaver
June 11, 1951

False Report Of Tito Death

Belgrade — San Francisco Chronicle 7
★ Sat., Mar. 4, 1978

A Yugoslav government spokesman yesterday described as absurd and completely unfounded a report that President Tito had died.

The Associated Press said in a story issued in New York that the first paragraph of an obituary on President Tito had been transmitted in error on the agency's national broadcast wire. The story was killed ten minutes later. But, in the meantime, a number of U.S. radio stations broke into their programs to report the 85-year-old Tito had died.

Reuters

Hello Richard,
I am looking for some of Dick's work which got away from me over the years and will gladly purchase if it can be located. I am looking for Volume numbers 2,3,6 and 9 of the Shaver Mystery Magazine, containing the full story of MANDARK.
Now, on another matter I must take you to task--Dick and Dotty Shaver and Ray and Marge Palmer were personal friends, and I miss them both, (Dick and Ray, that is).
You mentioned in an editorial that by the 1960's, Dick was a beaten man. I take exception to that. Dick was never a beaten man...a little discouraged now and then but never beaten, and a time or two he almost won.
One day, he and I were having a discussion and Dick said, "What I'd like to see them do is drill a hole in the bottom of the ocean and flood them bastards out!" (He meant the dero.) Well, several years later, that almost happened during the Geo-Physical Year. The USA contributor was to drill into the so-called "mantle"...they got a young engineer from Brown and Root in Texas and set at it up over the Hawaiian Deep. They started drilling like crazy but the Powers That Be were alerted and they stopped it cold. It was called "The Mohole"... look it up.

Cheers,
Bert Holland,FLA.

R--I'll make it up to you, Bert, by pointing out that Mr Eldon Everett, of Seattle may have just what you're looking for...see his letter below.

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Dear Richard,
Big News! I now have issues 1 to 9 of The Shaver Mystery Magazine. I think this was all of them... at any rate, it's got MANDARK with illustrations by RSS and Virgil Finlay (among others). Lots of articles and letters from readers, with RSS's detailed replies.
I will xerox the entire set of issues for $36.50. I know this is high, but it will take me about an hour or so of standing there feeding dimes into the copy machine...If it pays back my cost, perhaps I can make available other Shaver material f rom my collection.

Eldon Everett
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He wants to send Earth into new orbit

William E. Peterson has a bizarre plan for preventing the super cold winters we've been getting.

A 48-year-old engineer from Seattle, Wash., he wants to turn Earth into a spaceship and blast it into orbit nearer the sun.

To get a rocket engine powerful enough, Peterson has designed a "nuclear cannon" to be built in the Mojave Desert of the southwest.

As fantastic as all this sounds, Peterson says there will be incredible benefits. For example:

- Temperatures will average 5 degrees warmer all over Earth.
- The ozone layer which protects Earth from harmful sun rays will be increased as a result of the "cloud canopy" effect of the cannon.
- Deserts will be transformed into gardens due to increased rainfall from the "cloud canopy."

The nuclear cannon is patterned after the Great Pyramid of Egypt. (Peterson believes the pyramids were originally nuclear cannons built in ancient times by an advanced race.)

It will be 450 feet tall and have an eight-foot-diameter shaft aimed at the North Star. A nuclear fission explosion of one megaton will be shot through the cannon each day for a year. One megaton is equal to the explosion of one million tons of dynamite.

Those daily blasts should be enough, Peterson believes, to change the Earth's orbit and rotation and offset the ice age some scientists predict.

The heat from the explosion will be absorbed by the stone cannon. Peterson then plans to shower tremendous amounts of water onto the cannon. The water will evaporate filling the skies with a canopy of clouds.

The clouds will pour rain onto deserts and will add to the protective ozone layer because ozone is formed when sun rays hit clouds. 12-4-79

Mystery Man Flies in Box To Seattle

10-19-79

Seattle

It looked like just another air-freight shipment until a man popped out of a box, saying, "Let me out of here," and ran away before he could be questioned, Port of Seattle police said.

According to Jim Whittom, a spokesman for the Port of Seattle police, Northwest Airlines employees were unloading a large metal container yesterday that had arrived on a DC-10 from Anchorage, Alaska.

A man carrying a small canvas bag emerged from a four-foot square plywood box inside the container and ran out of the building before the workers could stop him, Whittom said.

The man would have had to spend at least 11 hours in the box, including 4½ hours in the pressurized cargo plane, said Whittom.

"The reason for the man's actions are unknown, since the cost of the heavy box, plus the man's weight and personal possessions, ran almost double what a comfortable seat in the coach area of the aircraft would have cost," he said.

Associated Press

Mystery of People Who Disappear Into Thin Air

By DAN SCHWARTZ

A man jogging down a country road stumbles — then vanishes into thin air as his friends watch in astonishment.

A husband and wife are clearing snow from their car's windows. The husband looks up and discovers his wife has mysteriously disappeared.

A British diplomat walks behind his carriage and is never seen again.

"Incredible as it sounds, there are a number of cases of people simply vanishing into thin air," British author Paul Begg told The ENQUIRER.

Begg, who has documented dozens of these mysterious disappearances in his book "Into Thin Air," says dozens of people "simply puff out of existence" every year — and have done so for centuries.

"One of the best-known cases happened in England in the last century," he said. "One day in 1873 a health fanatic named James Worson accepted a wager from three of his friends that he could not run to the town of Coventry and back, a distance of 16 miles.

"Worson set out to win his bet and his friends climbed into a cart and followed him to make sure he kept the terms of the wager.

"For several miles, Worson jogged ahead of the cart when all of a sudden he appeared to stumble over some unseen object.

"He tripped, cried out and vanished."

Worson's friends could not believe their eyes, but an exhaustive search of the area confirmed what seemed impossible.

Worson had vanished into thin air.

In another baffling case, an early 19th-century British diplomat, Benjamin Bathurst, disappeared while on a mission abroad.

"He stopped at an inn, rested for a while and shortly before 9 p.m. made preparations to continue his journey," said Begg.

"In front of witnesses he looked over his horses and walked behind his carriage. Then he vanished."

A more recent case involved Jackson Wright, who stopped his car in New York's Lincoln Tunnel one winter day in 1975 to clear snow from the windshield. His wife Martha began clearing the rear window but seconds later, when Jackson looked up, she had disappeared.

A series of unexplainable disappearances which occurred between 1945 and 1950 continue to baffle authorities. During that period, seven people vanished while hiking along an eight-mile stretch of a well-known Vermont trail.

Bloodhounds traced one small boy's scent for miles, then lost it in exactly the same spot where another vanishing hiker was last seen.

Only one of the hikers was ever found. Her body was located in a spot that search parties had combed thoroughly when she'd disappeared months earlier. The woman, Frieda Langer, was an experienced hiker and was familiar with the trail. No evidence of murder was ever uncovered in any of the Vermont disappearances.

"It gives rise to the chilling thought that some mysterious force took Frieda, then returned her body when it had no further need of it," Begg said.

Begg doubts that the several dozen unexplainable disappearances which occur each year involve people who are purposely hiding.

"You will be found eventually if somebody loves you or hates you enough to persist with the search," he said.

"These cases are evidence that some force is at work which defies a rational explanation."

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TAKE OUT an AD on this page in issue no. 4 !

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NOBODY ALIVE today is a descendant of Neanderthal man.

Lights Go Out As Carter Writes Speech

Washington

President Carter's office was hit by a power failure yesterday as he put final touches on his energy message to the nation.

The power outage affected the West Wing of the White House and several surrounding blocks at the height of the morning rush hour, knocking out traffic lights and briefly creating a traffic jam.

The West Wing, including the president's Oval Office, went dark at 8:37 a.m. and power remained off for about 15 minutes.

4-6-79

United Press